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## Letter from Anne Whitney, Shelburne, New Hampshire, to Sarah Whitney, 1885 September 6

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proper value on the market - that  
no value to match its moral or aesthetic  
one.

The woods are going to do  
their best this year. Thus far  
the colors are transcendent. The  
same with you I suppose.

I am glad to believe  
that all goes on as well with  
you as circumstances admit of.  
Katy writes of her desire to have  
you for a few days with her &  
I wish you may find it practicable  
to do so. But dare not expect it  
yet - but easily you might do so -  
looking in every day upon the family  
at Belmont -!

Say to Mother with love from me  
& Abby that we weigh respectively 126  
& 116. Adeline Levy gained 9 lbs. - or  
3 lbs. a week since she came up here.  
The meat in Shelburne along with every-  
thing else is improving in quality. A better  
cattle & better beef than the last piece  
of Civilian are not to be had on this coast.

Adieu my dearest sister. When a letter  
does not reach you the day it should - it is  
because of some delay or lapse of memory in the carrier  
(usually Mrs. Gatis' man) or somebody else. Perhaps it

AW & SWW

[Shelburne]

Shelburne Sept. 6 - [1885]

This morning there were some  
specimens of a frost in the vale -  
which even I noticed - In the  
the night - was cool we awoke  
to a bright - sun & southerly  
wind. I am afraid you did  
not get my Friday's letter yesterday  
for on the morning of the morning  
& our friends 'going it was  
forgotten - I went over the  
river in the P.M. to make sure  
that it should go by the night  
(or 4 o'clock morning) train - Mr.  
Stowe would probably get it before  
leaving town. It was of no importance  
except as you might have been  
expecting to hear & I grieve to  
disappoint you.

owing to the absence  
of Mrs. Gatis' man our mail

all carry with me that the father is a charming story. It is not that I have been down by bears in New England. I am sure that



did not come in last night -  
but I see the boat moored  
on the other side which means  
that he has gone this morning.

Mrs. Gatis' house is  
filled with boards inasmuch  
that she has to send several of  
them out to sleep at neighbor  
Hubbards. The Evans family  
(Mrs. E. daughter of Mrs. Gatis)  
have bought the Jewett farm above  
here - a farm of about or nearly  
the size of this - for \$2800. Mr.  
Aten having bought their place over  
on the level bluff where the meeting  
house stood for \$3500. a Capital  
exchange for the Evanses - Mr. A.  
has got a windy site & tho' he  
has beautiful views of the mountains  
has none of the high mountains  
while the Jewett farm is sheltered

& looks up & down as one does here.  
The old meeting house has been taken  
down and the village - pretty stupified  
& painted & forms an attractive feature  
on the view from the uplands on  
this side & on that.

Mr. Endicott's house & barn  
make also an interesting point in  
the landscape - The old roof chiming  
in with the tone of the landscape  
very happily. It is a very agreeable  
circumstance in connection with  
the bridge connected at the head.  
The bridge that Mr. Aten owned  
mine bridge that Dr. Jewell's house was  
the place where Jewell's house was  
put up - but the site was  
sold by another man (Hubbard  
who lives at the top of the hill  
so named - & the house built by  
Aten knew <sup>well</sup> ~~nothing~~ about it.  
So I am ~~not~~ - how that thing was  
possible I do not see. At all  
events Aten has bought the house  
of Jewell & I hope his next move  
will be to take it off & remodel  
the want. Before many years  
this region will have risen to its